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CIVIL AVIATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that smuggling continues unabated with active connivance of the staff of the Indian Airlines and those deployed at the airports;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected by the Government during the last two years along with the number of employees found involved in these cases;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such smuggling; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the guilty officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): The number of cases alleging involvement of Indian Airlines employees in smuggling in the last two years i.e. 2000-2002 (till date) is six. 10 employees of Indian Airlines and 4 family members of the employees were involved in these cases.
(c): Indian Airlines Vigilance Department is holding periodic co-ordination meetings with the Customs, Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and other Enforcement Agencies to prevent smuggling activities involving Indian Airlines employees.

Discussions with the Station Managers and Airport Authority officials of foreign stations are also held periodically to strengthen measures to prevent smuggling involving Indian Airlines aircraft and employees.

Indian Airlines Fraud Prevention Unit has issued an alert notice dated 11th February, 2001 to all the stations on Indian Airlines network advising them to take necessary measures like thorough rummaging of the aircraft on arrival, maintaining record of the employees authorized to attend the aircraft, periodic surprise inspection by senior officers to check movement of the staff and their duty allocation to prevent smuggling activities.

(d): Appropriate disciplinary action has been taken/initiated in all the cases in accordance with the Service Rules of Indian Airlines.